

COMMUNITY NEWS

For second year in a row Elba BOE members hear good news regarding graduation exam

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board again heard the good news that for the second year in a row 100% of the senior class is passing the graduation exam.

Teacher Jana Curtis was recognized by Superintendent Danny Weeks for her successful efforts in assisting students who had trouble with some portion of the required exam. Curtis

explained in detail to board members how she worked with small groups and sometimes with an individual student to improve their knowledge of a subject on the exam. She added it was with the continued help of classroom teachers that the school is able to achieve such a high rate of graduation.

"It is refreshing and gives me added encouragement to see a sudden spark come into a student's eyes when they finally understand a troubling concept," Curtis said.

Weeks presented the monthly

financial statement and told board members the school system continues to be in sound financial condition due to the strong support of a dedicated staff. He also noted the lunchroom account balance is back up to normal this month after receipt of delayed federal funds.

Board members were recognized for their work and support of the local schools. Elba school board members are appointed by the city council and serve without financial compensation. Weeks announced the Elba Tiger Band would be marching

in the inaugural parade in Montgomery on January 15th. It has been a number of years since the Elba band participated in this event.

A national reading conference will be held in the Elba schools on January 30th, according to Superintendent Weeks. Educators from as far away as New York will be in Elba to learn new, better and successful ways to teach reading.

Board members were invited to visit the high school gym and observe the new floor recently installed in the facility.

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JAIL

The Coffee County Jail has a capacity for 126 prisoners. During Tuesday's briefing Moss said there were 144 prisoners inside the jail. The sheriff said overcrowding is something he hopes to work on in the near future.

In regards to other plans for his term as sheriff, Sutton simply said, "We are going after the criminals."

Late Tuesday afternoon, Ronnie Whitworth, chief deputy with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, said several arrests were made during the shutdown

as the search allegedly revealed some crack cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana. He said two shanks (items considered as weapons) were found. Also, Whitworth said lots of paraphernalia and contraband was confiscated during the shutdown.

Tri-County Valentine Sweetheart pageants set for Feb. 10th

The 2007 Tri-County "Valentine Sweetheart" pageants, sponsored by the members of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, will be held Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Elba High School auditorium beginning at 6 p.m.

The age divisions will include: Tiny Miss (1-2 years old); Little Miss (3-5 years old); Junior Miss (6-8 years old); Mini Miss (9-11 years old); and Miss Tri-County (12-14 years old). There is an entry fee to participate.

A winner and two alternates will be selected in each age division (minimum of five contestants required). Winners will receive a trophy, crown, banner, flowers and a savings bond. Alternates will receive a trophy and flower. All contestants will receive a trophy.

Practice will be Friday, Feb. 9, at Elba High School with the Tiny and Tot Miss contestants at 6 p.m.; the Little and Mini Miss contestants at 6:45 p.m., and the

Junior and Miss contestants at 7:45 p.m. Contestants are asked to come 30 minutes early for registration.

Contestants will be judged on beauty, poise and overall projection by a staff of three judges. Tiny Miss contestants will be judged on beauty and overall projection only.

Entry fee should be submitted

with entry form and must be received no later than 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9 (practice night).

For questions, contact: Starla Amison at 897-8301 after 4 p.m.; Lowayne Parks at 897-3907; Ray Kyle at 897-5851 after 5 p.m.; Jim Dodd at 897-2835 or Herb Winters at 897-3095.

Bridal Registry

Shay Johnson & Robert Carnley
Shower-March 18 Wedding-April 14

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On The Square Downtown Elba 897-8591

Preservation Hall Jazz Band



The Coffee County Arts Alliance presents the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. The band performs New Orleans Jazz tours around the world and has appeared at many famous venues, including Carnegie Hall (NYC), Symphony Hall (Boston), Monterey Jazz Festival (CA) and the Red Sea Jazz Festival (Israel).

Jan. 30, 2007 7:30 pm Enterprise High School

Presented by Coffee County Arts Alliance and Martin-Colley Drugs

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TICKETS

ENTERPRISE
• David's West Gate Beauty Salon
(406-1617)
• The Framery (347-7800)
TRUCK
• The Printing Press Inc.
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ELBA
• Bradley Florist & Gift Shop
(897-3422)
FORT RUCKER
• JTR (255-2997)
DOTMAN
• Weathers (673-8285)

NEW BROCKTON • New Brockton Florist (894-6737)

This performance is made possible in part by a grant from The Alabama State Council on the Arts and The National Endowment for the Arts

www.coffeecountyartsalliance.com

Mike & Kelly Cra Relay for Life Gospel Sing

Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007

10:45 a.m. service

Love's Way Church

1001 Highway 101, Elba, Alabama 36623

For more information call 897-8591

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The Elba Clipper

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To allow equipment upgrades and additional training Coffee County Commission approves funding request for sheriff's department

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday, Jan. 22, during the regularly scheduled Commission meeting to appropriate funds for the sheriff's department for the upgrade of some equipment and training for deputies.

Commission chairman Jim Thompson said Sheriff Dave Sutton met with commissioners during a recent work session and addressed various needs for the department. During that meeting, he said Sutton indicated the sheriff's department was in need of upgrades for protective vests and weapons. Also, he said the department needed to spend more time on training for the officers.

Thompson said the estimated cost for the improvements is \$25,000, and he made a motion with a second from Commissioner J.L. Weeks to approve the funds for these requested items. Commissioners voted unanimously to approve this for the sheriff's department.

Thompson also made a motion to grant the sheriff's department five credit cards to

help deputies out in day-to-day operations; however, this motion failed for lack of a second. Currently, deputies use their own money to cover expenses incurred during travels and are later reimbursed based on receipts.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said he was not necessarily opposed to this option presented through Thompson's motion, but he felt it was something that needed to be discussed further by commissioners with other possible options examined as well.

During his report to commissioners, Sheriff Sutton thanked each and every one for the support they've shown his department since he took office.

Sutton updated commissioners on the shutdown conducted at the county jail Tuesday, Jan. 16. He also told commissioners another search was held Thursday night, Jan. 18, and again illegal items were removed from the jail.

Sheriff Sutton said he has asked for some safety devices to be added to the jail. He said steel plates are going to be placed around the windows of

the jail because it has been discovered that narcotics are being brought in through the windows.

Sutton said the infrastructure of the jail is poor, and the county has got to get some things fixed at the facility.

During his report, the sheriff also said he is going to ask for legislation to be changed in some areas to allow for the appropriation of more funds for the general account of the sheriff's department. Some of the changes included funds regarding the work release program and the inmate telephone usage account. Sutton said all the changes he will ask for will be for the betterment of the jail and the county's law enforcement services.

The sheriff also said his department has received phone calls from county citizens noting they have seen more patrol in their areas of the county. He

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Elba Police urge local citizens to watch for suspicious activity

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Chief of Police Freddy Hanchey continues to stress the importance of community involvement in helping prevent such crimes as burglary.

Several times in the past, Chief Hanchey has reported the success of officers catching criminal suspects to the watchful eye of concerned citizens. He said knowing your surroundings and reporting any suspicious activity to police can be a huge factor in helping officers catch those attempting to break

the law.

Over the past couple of months, the Elba area has been plagued by several burglaries of businesses. While Chief Hanchey said his department is taking measures to correct this

problem, he also encourages local citizens to be aware and help keep a watchful eye for any and all suspicious activity and/or persons.

Chief Hanchey asks that citizens report such activity or per-

Elba Mayor James Grimes speaks to local Kiwanis Club

Elba Mayor James Grimes was the guest speaker Thursday, Jan. 11, at the Elba Kiwanis Club meeting. The mayor was invited to speak on things going on in the city and plans for the future.

Mayor Grimes reported on progress of the U.S. Highway 84 four-lane widening project, cleaning up of the Beaver Dam creek bed area and the new businesses downtown including The Jewel Box reopening with new owner, Pope Tent Rentals located in the old Whitman Drug store building and a Coffee roasting business located in the old Coffee County Board of Education building (former Church of Christ).

The airport project is proceeding with buildings either being moved or torn down to increase the runway approach to the airport.

Mayor Grimes updated the club on the progress of the sale of Dorsey Trailers. He also updated members on the progress of the ADECA grant to build two restrooms and

amphitheater at the new playground.

The Kiwanis Club welcomes new members and meets the second and fourth Thursday

sons to the Elba Police Department (897-2555).

Hanchey said the teamwork of community and police has proven to be a success, and he hopes to continue to see such results in the future.

each month at noon at the Elba Public Library community room. For more information call Nell Gilmer, club secretary, at 897-1255.



Kiwanis Club president Scott Kelley with Mayor James Grimes

Area Happenings

William A. (Drew) Dobbins joined the Elba Police Department approximately 2 1/2 months ago and serves as a dispatcher.

Prior to coming to Elba, Dobbins worked 27 years in Manatee County, Fla. He retired from that career in June of 2005.

Dobbins said he was a supervisor for 17 years while working in Manatee County and most of his special/advanced training is with water meters.

Dobbins also is a charter member of the Braden River Fire District in Bradenton, Fla., as well as, a charter member of the Manatee County E.M.S. Auxiliary in Bradenton.

He said he chose a career in law enforcement, "to be there when you need someone who can help."

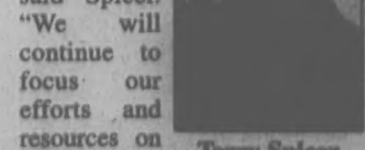
Dobbins and his wife, Karen, have been married 28 1/2 years. They have one son, Ron, who is an EMS supervisor for Manatee County, and one daughter, Lori, who is an ER nurse at Mercy Hospital in Miami, Fla. The



Dispatcher Drew Dobbins

Dobbins also have two grandchildren, Christopher and Morgan.

Dobbins said his father was raised in the Basin community and moved to Florida in 1945. He said his father wanted to move back to the local area after



Terry Spicer

As policy director, Spicer will lead the effort to formulate the House Caucus agenda and work with the House Leadership to determine issues that need to be addressed through the legislative process. In addition, Spicer will play a leading role in guiding those priorities into law.

"Representative Spicer has a proven record as a dedicated public servant," said Speaker Seth Hammett. "I have full confidence he will continue to work to improve the lives of all Alabamians as he works to help shape our policy agenda for the future."

Spicer was first elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1998. He and his wife, Ceina, are the parents of two children, Hayes and J. Cole.

LIFESTYLES

LBWCC/MacArthur Campus to have Job Fair in April

LBW Community College and the Covington County Economic Development Commission will sponsor a Job Fair on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the LBWCC - MacArthur Campus Conference Center in Opp. The event will provide information to students and citizens of the surrounding area regarding employment opportunities as well as benefits and services available.

Any organization or business that would like to participate in the Job Fair, should contact Gail Trant (334) 222-7040 or Cindy Green (334) 493-5344.

Mr. Giles & Miss Jordan united in holy matrimony



Christopher Senn

Christopher Senn celebrates ninth birthday

Christopher Senn turned nine January 16th. He and his family went to a restaurant in Enterprise to eat the Saturday before his birthday. Then on Tuesday, his actual birthday, he had family over to share his birthday. They had pizza, subs, chips and dip, punch, cake, and ice cream. Christopher said he enjoyed his party with his family and didn't want it to end.

Christopher's parents are Don and Terri Senn of Jack and his grandparents are Pat and Linda Senn and Doug and Nell Shiver, all of Jack.



Jonathan Kaleb Mitchell

Jonathon Kaleb Mitchell is one year old

Jonathan Kaleb Mitchell celebrated his first birthday (January 4) with a "Winnie the Pooh" party on Saturday, January 6, at his home in Elba. Many friends and family were present to help Kaleb celebrate his big day.

Kaleb is the son of Sara and Keni Mitchell and is the grandson of Catherine Miller and Pamela Mitchell, all of Elba, and John Mitchell of Columbiana, Ala. He is the great-grandson of Estella and MC Lawrence of Elba and Ollie Mae Mitchell of Columbiana.

EOCC announces fall Semester honor rolls

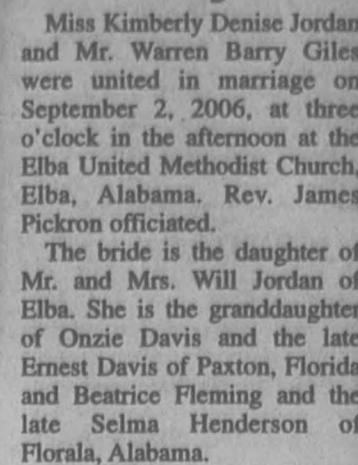
Enterprise-EOCC Community College (EOCC) officially announces the names of students achieving recognition through the 2007 fall semester honor rolls.

Twenty-six EOCC students earned Dean's Academic Honor Roll certificates at the end of fall semester. To be recognized on this list, students must earn 46 or more semester hours while maintaining a cumulative 4.0 grade-point average.

Dean's Academic honorees include Jill E. Andrews of Elba. Seventy-eight EOCC students earned President's List certificates. These students maintained a 4.00 grade-point average during the fall semester with a course load of at least 12 semester hours.

President's List honorees include Cayla M. Keys of New Brockton, Jill E. Andrews, Whitney E. Donaldson, Zachary L. Odum, and Deborah A. Siler of Elba.

The Dean's List, also completed at the end of every semester, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more hours), who maintain a minimum of 3.50 GPA, but under 4.0 GPA, during the semester. The 2006 fall semester list of 128 students includes Karen B. Keel from New Brockton, Aaron L. Harneshaugh and Todd H. Kelley from Elba and Candace D. Patterson from Kinston.



Mr. & Mrs. Warren Barry Giles

Miss Kimberly Denise Jordan and Mr. Warren Barry Giles were united in marriage on September 2, 2006, at three o'clock in the afternoon at the Elba United Methodist Church, Elba, Alabama. Rev. James Pickron officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jordan of Elba. She is the granddaughter of Onzie Davis and the late Ernest Davis of Paxton, Florida and Beatrice Fleming and the late Selma Henderson of Florida, Alabama.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Giles of Elba. He is the grandson of the late James and Edna Watford of Rome, Georgia and the late Hobart and Renee Giles of Huntsville, Alabama.

Swags of asparagus fern entwined in periwinkle satin bows decorated the entrance doors of the church. The registry and program attendants were Sequoia and Wyatt Jordan, nephews of the bride. As the guests arrived, they presented them with Wedding programs, which were designed by the groom. The wedding director was Midge Watford of Rome, Georgia, Aunt of the groom.

The altar was complemented with massive arrangements of blue delphinium, pink carnations, larkspur, roses, daisies, and Queen Anne's lace, which were held by columns on either side of the altar. The communion table also held an arrangement of blue flowers and large ferns were placed on columns at the altar and throughout the church.

A pre-nuptial program of music was presented by Mrs. Kenneth Baker, pianist. Mr. Camell Barton, soloist presented an "A Capella" rendition of "Angel." Mrs. Dawn Hicks and Mr. Kevin Cobb presented a duet titled "When God Made You."

The bride was presented for marriage by her father, Will Jordan, and given in marriage by her mother and father. She wore a formal gown of white satin with a sweetheart halter and corset bodice. The groom wore a tuxedo with a white shirt and a white tie.

The bride also carried a nosegay of blue hydrangeas and wax flowers hand-tied with white organza ribbon. Honoring the groom's family tradition the bride also carried an ecru linen and lace handkerchief, which had been part of the groom and his sister's christening outfit and had been carried by the groom's sister, Amy, on her wedding day. The bride also honored the memory of the groom's great



grandmother Lillian Lewtas by carrying an English six pence she brought to America for this occasion.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was the groom's sister, Kara Giles. Bridesmaids were Denise Hathaway of Dothan, Alabama and Kassy O'Hara of Troy, Alabama. They wore floor-length dresses of periwinkle chiffon with spaghetti straps and carried nosegays of pale green hydrangeas hand-tied with organza ribbon. The flower girl was Summer Pappas, the bride's niece. She wore a floor-length dress of white satin and carried a white, satin basket filled with rose petals. The ring bearer was the groom's brother, Matthew, who carried the rings in a silver ring box.

Attending the groom as best man was his father, Barry Morris Giles. Groomsman were Michael Culliver of Troy, Alabama and Derrick Taplin of Montgomery, Alabama. Ring bearers were Joshua Giles, the groom's son of Savannah, Georgia and Jacob Rodriguez, the groom's nephew of San Antonio, Texas. They carried heirloom Swiss batiste pillows, which were handmade by the groom's mother.

Following the ceremony the bride's parents entertained with a reception at Moseley's Studio in Elba. The staircase was decorated with white roses and white tulle, which was lit with for the occasion. The circular tables were covered with white cloths and periwinkle blue silk illusion with candlelight accents. Asparagus fern and hydrangeas accented the bride's table that held the couples wedding cake with waterfall, which was designed by the bride and

An after rehearsal dinner hosted by the groom's parents was held the evening before the wedding at the Old South Inn in Elba. The wedding party, family, friends, and out-of-town guests enjoyed a time of fellowship and well wishes for the couple.

A brunch was held for the wedding party and out-of-town guests the morning of the wedding at the Old South Inn. Hosts were Jerry and Midge Watford, aunt and uncle of the groom.

Friends of Zion Chapel Church honored the bride with a miscellaneous wedding shower on Sunday, August 12, 2006.

The bride was honored with a lingerie shower given by her Maid of Honor Kara Giles and close friends on Saturday, August 18, 2006.

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

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MATTHEW J. SNEEL

Army Reserve Pvt. Matthew J. Snell has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battle field operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Snell is the son of Lee and Melanie Snell of County Road 637, Elba, Ala. He is a 2006 graduate of Kinston High School.

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SCRIPTURE: John 6:34-40

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: The Carlisle Family, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Frank Phillips Jr., Corine Daniels, Susie M. Williams, Mary A. Hooks

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS: Dimitry Schookie Crittenden - January 26, Kikko Logan - January 26, Tia Sherrice Kelley - January 27, Larry Folmar - January 27, Alice Hammonds - January 28 (In Memory Of), Louvella J. Folmar - January 29

THE ANNUAL USHER'S ANNIVERSARY of The Friendship Baptist Church, Glenwood, Ala., will be held Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. The theme is Psalm 84:10. The speaker will be Rev. Jonas Rogers, pastor of Goshen First Baptist Church, Goshen, Ala.

THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY of Atlantic Lodge #83 and the Ninety-Third Anniversary of Buna Mae Chapter #342 will be held at Spring Hill Baptist Church, Dozier, Ala., January 28, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Wendell Williams is the pastor. The theme will be Psalm 37:23 and the Master of the Day will be Brother George Wilson and the sermon will be given by Rev. L. C. McMillan.

THE "LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING" BENEFIT SINGING honoring Baby Aaron Henderson will be held Sunday, February 3, 2007 at Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church, Elba, Ala. beginning at 5 p.m. All choirs, praise teams, soloists, etc. are invited to attend.

THE 4TH APPRECIATION SERVICE HONORING REV. W. D. EDWARDS as pastor of Star of Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Luverne, Ala. will be held Sunday, February 4, 2007. The morning service will take place at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Pastor Fulton Henderson, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, Troy, Alabama. The afternoon service will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the speaker will be Pastor Michael Foster, pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, Ala.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie and her friends have been heading out most Saturday afternoons looking for prom dresses, and while I don't have any problems with her looking at various dresses, I hope she remembers since Dad is going to foot the bill he has final refusal on what she wears. In years past I actually got to make a trip with one of the girls to watch her model the dresses, and if I have my way that tradition will continue. Or at least I hope it does!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** It was a winless week at Elba High last week in basketball as the varsity boys, varsity girls and junior varsity boys all lost two games. The Tigers dropped big losses to area foes Calhoun and Pike County to fall into third place in the area standings with an overall record of 9-12, while the Lady Tigers saw their late-season surge fizzle out as the girls slipped to 5-13 on the season, and the junior varsity also lost twice and watched its record dip to 8-7. With two weeks left in the regular season the time has come for both varsity teams to settle down and play with a higher level of intensity and determination. If they don't, the season will end sooner than many had hoped.

A look around the area finds only the Brantley Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs in good shape heading down the home stretch. The Bulldogs improved their record to 14-3 last week with two big area wins and all of the sudden appear to be ready to make a run at the state tournament, while the Lady Bulldogs moved into double digits in the win column and also have a solid shot at making it to at least regionals. For the rest of the area teams it looks like a rocky road ahead as New Brockton must play its best to emerge from a tough area, Kinston must regroup and rededicate itself to have any hopes, and Zion Chapel must keep the faith and believe that anything can happen on any given night. With two weeks left, it looks like the best bet to make it out of the area from this trio are the Kinston Lady Bulldogs.

*** If the state high school basketball standings are correct, it looks like South Alabama could be very well represented when the post-season action tips off in early-February. Enterprise has been ranked high all season in 6A circles and should be a team to be reckoned with, while Andalusia has been ranked all season in 4A, Abbeville is a 3A power, Barbour County is near the top in 2A, and in the 1A ranks Brantley has slowly moved its way near the top. In the girls division, Eufrasia has been a top 10 team throughout the season in 5A, Ashford and Opp are both among the state's elite in 4A, Samson and Geneva are ranked 1-2 in 2A, and in 1A circles Pleasant Home and Providence Christian are both rated high. One bad game can end a team's season once the post-season party gets underway, but this season it looks like there will be a lot of local interest as the teams battle for a spot at regionals.

*** Basketball season may be winding down, but that only means baseball and softball season is just around the corner. At Elba High, Coach Mike Bucklew, his players and their parents have been hard at work for weeks getting the field in shape, painting the dugouts and building covered batting cages. The team is also in the midst of pre-season conditioning and throwing, and next week the team will hit the field and get to work getting ready for the season opener. The same is true for the girls softball team, as a new covered batting cage is nearing completion and the infield is getting a new surface. Seasons never end at the high school level, the balls only change sizes and shapes.

*** The gate at Hawkins-Williams Park has been locked the past few weeks as work nears completion on a major drainage project that should improve drainage on all three fields. In years past the fields seemed to hold water, and after a big rain the infield resembled small ponds. Drain pipes have now been installed to carry the water off the middle field, while extensive shaping has taken place on all three fields, and sand drain lines have been cut into two of the fields to help move the water to the outfield. The work won't solve all the problems, but it should help tremendously when the rainy season arrives and the kids want to play ball.

*** In closing... the college recruiting season will hit its peak next week with national signing day and fans from state schools will be anxious to see what the future will hold as the nation's top high school football players commit. Early reports put Auburn among the nation's top in its in-state class, while Alabama is working hard to overcome its coaching change and hopes to finish with a bang. It really takes a few years to judge just what kind of class this group will be, but the fans take it very seriously and hunt the papers and the internet for any news.

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On the basketball court

A winless week at Elba High

Tigers suffer two area losses

Calhoun 66 Elba 45

The Elba Tigers hosted Calhoun last Tuesday night and put up a fight for three quarters before falling 66-45, in an area contest.

Elba came out ready to play against the area leaders from Lowndes County and jumped out to an early 4-3 lead on baskets by Trey Belcher and Bobby Hudson, only to see Calhoun go on a 12-3 run midway through the opening quarter to grab a 15-7 lead. The Tigers' Frank Morris converted from the free-throw line and later added a lay-up to help Elba cut the Calhoun lead to 15-10, and Morris drilled a long three-pointer at the buzzer as Elba pulled within 15-13 at the end of the stanza.

Elba's rally didn't carry over to the second quarter, however, as the Tigers went almost six minutes without scoring a point and watched as Calhoun raced out to a 26-13 advantage. Trey Belcher hit two free-throws to snap Elba's long scoring drought and Frank Morris added a late three-pointer, but it did little but change the score as at halftime the Tigers went in trailing 30-20.

Elba matched buckets with Calhoun for much of the third quarter, and behind the play of Jordan McBride and Trey Belcher pulled within 38-29 with 4:37 left in the stanza. Calhoun extended its lead back out to 41-29 with 4:25 remaining, but Elba tightened its defense late in the quarter and heading into the fourth quarter the Tigers were still alive although they still trailed 43-33.

Elba came out cold in the final stanza, and saw any hopes of a late comeback end as the Tigers scored only three points in the opening four minutes of the fourth quarter. The lack of offensive punch allowed Calhoun to open up a 54-36 lead with 4:38 remaining in the game, and not even back-to-back three-pointers by the Tigers' Jason Mitchell was enough to get Elba back in the game as Calhoun easily held on to hand the Tigers a 66-45 defeat.

Frank Morris scored 12 points and Trey Belcher added 11 to lead Elba, while Caldwell scored 16 to lead Calhoun.

CA 15 15 13 23 - 66
EL 13 7 13 12 - 45

Calhoun (66): McCall 17, Davidson 8, Carter 7, Caldwell 16, Davidson 9, Means 3, Davis 12, Williams 2, Stokes 2.
Elba (45): Hudson 3, Mitchell 12.

JV Tigers suffer two losses

Calhoun 52 Elba 30

The Elba JV Tigers battled Calhoun on even terms for the opening two quarters, but saw their chance of pulling off an upset win fall far short as they were outscored 33-12 in the second half and suffered a 52-30 defeat.

The Tigers trailed only 11-8 after the opening stanza and closed to within 20-18 by the end of the half, but saw Calhoun go on a 14-1 run in the third quarter to take command and never recovered as they suffered the big home court loss.

Sandarius Reed scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Davidson scored 14 points to lead Calhoun.

Calhoun (52): Davidson 14, Bibb 3, Smith 2, Lawson 4, Means 2, Johnson 8, Thigpen 4, Davidson 12, Turner 4, Elba (30): Hammouds 4, Sanders 12.

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Mitchell 6, Harrelson 6, Belcher 11, Morris 12, McBride 7.

Pike County 65 Elba 44

The Elba Tigers continued their area woes Friday night with a 65-44 setback to the Pike County Bulldogs, in Elba.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on a free-throw by Jordan McBride and a driving lay-up by Gavin Respress, and moved on top 6-2 with 6:24 left in the opening quarter when Frank Morris connected on a long three-pointer. Pike County rallied midway through the quarter to pull even at 6-6, but Elba regained the lead at 8-6 on a basket by McBride and held on to carry a 12-10 advantage into the second quarter.

Elba continued to battle on the defensive end of the court in the second quarter, but went over six minutes without scoring a point and watched as the Bulldogs used a 13-0 run to open up a 23-12 advantage. A free-throw by Gavin Respress with 1:47 left in the half ended the Tigers' long scoring drought. However, the damage had already been done and at halftime Elba went into the dressing room trailing 27-17.

Elba's offensive struggles continued into the third quarter as the Tigers scored only seven points in the opening six minutes of the period and saw Pike County take a commanding 41-20 lead. Jordan Bryant and Antwon Tillis sparked a mild Elba rally late in the quarter as the Tigers cut the deficit to 43-28 with 3:11 left on the clock, but the Bulldogs scored the stanza's final three points and owned a 46-28 lead over Elba with only eight minutes remaining.

Frank Morris and Gavin Respress helped the Tigers close to within 48-33 with 5:23 remaining in the game. However, an 8-0 Pike County run enabled the Bulldogs to regain command at 56-33, and Elba never challenged in the closing minutes and absorbed the 65-44 home court loss.

Frank Morris scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Andrews led Pike County with 20 points.

PC 10 17 19 19 - 65
EL 12 5 11 16 - 44

Pike County (65): Carlton 9, Carlisle 3, Bailey 8, Johnson 8, Youngblood 5, Andrews 20, Wilson 3, T. Wilson 1, Starks 8, Elba (44): Hudson 2, Respress 6, Mitchell 2, Bryant 6, Belcher 2, Morris 13, Tillis 4, McBride 6.

Cole 5, Phillips 7, Reed 14.

Pike County 45 Elba 36
The Elba JV Tigers saw a big lead evaporate under a furious fourth quarter Pike County rally as they dropped a hard fought 45-26 decision, in Elba.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 12-5 lead and carried a 30-23 lead into the final stanza, only to see Pike County close the game with a 22-6 rally as the visiting Bulldogs pulled out the wild 45-36 win.

Dionta Reynolds scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Snell sparked Pike County with 15 points.

Pike County (45): Mathis 7, Snell 15, Griffin 7, Jackson 2, Moultry 4, Nickson 6, Elba (36): Reynolds 14, Phillips 9, M. Reynolds 9, Reed 4.

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Elba Tiger Aaron Harrelson (10) drives past a Calhoun defender in action last week. The Tigers will travel to Calhoun Friday night to wrap up area play.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Lady Tigers fall twice at home

Calhoun 46 Elba 37

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted third-ranked Calhoun last Tuesday night and saw the Tigers cut the deficit to 43-28 with 3:11 left on the clock, but the Bulldogs scored the stanza's final three points and owned a 46-28 lead over Elba with only eight minutes remaining.

The Lady Tigers couldn't find their way to the basket early in the game and went over four minutes without scoring a point as Calhoun jumped out to a 5-0 lead. A free-throw by Keke Oliver with 3:44 remaining in the first quarter got Elba on the scoreboard. However, the Lady Tigers didn't again until Janae Carley banked in a short jumper with :59 left on the clock, and at the end of the stanza Elba found itself trailing 9-3.

Elba scored only two points in the opening six minutes of the second quarter to allow Calhoun to open up a 19-5 advantage, and even though the Lady Tigers did connect on 4 of 6 free-throws in the final two minutes, it only enabled Elba to cut the Calhoun lead to 24-9 by the end of the half.

Calhoun scored the first five points of the third quarter to extend its lead to 29-9 and appeared headed for an easy win. However, Elba suddenly came to life and behind the play of Brandy Caldwell and LaFondra Thigpen closed the quarter with a 14-7 run to cut the deficit to 36-23.

Calhoun regained command early in the final stanza and moved ahead 43-23 with 6:07 remaining on the clock. Elba again refused to quit, and sparked by the play of Janae Carley and Ashley Carpenter staged a late rally, only to see the clock run out with the Lady Tigers on the short end of the 46-37 final score.

LaFondra Thigpen scored 15 points to lead Elba, while Alexander scored 12 points to lead Calhoun.

CA 9 13 12 11 - 46
EL 3 6 14 14 - 37

Calhoun (46): Alexander 12, Grant 4, Means 5, Reed 2, James 7, F. Smith 7, Williams 4, Baker 4, W. Smith 2, Elba (37): Henderson 3, Carpenter 6, Craighead 1, Thigpen 15, Oliver 1, Carley 7, Caldwell 3.

Pike County 57 Elba 36

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Zion Chapel drops area clash to Eagles 72-58

The Zion Chapel Rebels remained winless in area action last Monday night after a 72-58 home loss to the Providence Christian Eagles. The Rebels jumped out to an early 7-2 lead in the opening stanza and were tied 15-15 heading into the second quarter, but saw the Eagles begin to pull away late in the half and never recovered as they suffered the area loss. Adam Carter scored 19 points and John Wayne Lambert added 15 to lead Zion Chapel, while Nick Chase led Providence with 35 points and connected on 9 three-pointers.

Lady Rebels tripped up by Providence 50-29

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fell behind early and never recovered last Monday night in a 50-29 area loss to the Providence Christian Lady Eagles, at Zion Chapel. Providence Christian pulled away from an early 4-4 tie to open up a 14-5 first quarter advantage and never lost command to hand the Lady Rebels the home court defeat. Jennifer Taylor scored 8 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Rebecca Dowd led Providence Christian with 15 points.

New Brockton Gamecocks tame Tigers 55-40

The New Brockton Gamecocks posted a big area win at home last Tuesday night by rolling past the Samson Tigers 55-40. Darian Johnson and Courtney Foster both scored 12 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Alex McNair added 10 points.

Lady Gamecocks fall hard to Lady Tigers 84-26

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks hosted the top-ranked Samson Lady Tigers last Tuesday night and suffered an 84-26 defeat. Alexa Adams scored 12 points to lead New Brockton, while Katie King scored 17 points to lead Samson and Jowanna Milsap added 16.

Kinston Bulldogs clawed by Purple Cats 64-30

The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind early and never recovered last Tuesday night in a 64-30 area loss to the Arton Purple Cats, at Arton. Bradley Lightner scored 17 points and Quinton Burks added 13 to lead the Purple Cats.

Zion Chapel Rebels ambushed in Arton 61-28

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled to Arton Thursday night and ran into a Purple Cat ambush as they dropped a 61-28 area decision. Adam Carter scored 16 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Quinton Burks scored 15 points and Bradley Lightner added 12 to lead the Purple Cats.

Lady Rebels surprised by Lady Cats 44-43

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels saw a 14-point fourth quarter lead vanish in a surprising 44-43 loss to the previous winless Arton Lady Cats, Thursday night in Arton. Erica Lewis scored 12 points and Jennifer Taylor added 10 to lead Zion Chapel, while Breanna Daniels scored 19 points to lead Arton.

Brantley Bulldogs shoot down Eagles 64-37

The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy Thursday night in a 64-37 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles, in Brantley. Kevin Pitts scored 21 points and Thad Frazier added 15 to lead the Bulldogs.

New Brockton blasted by Barbour Co. 79-24

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Clayton Friday night and were no match for Barbour County as they fell to the Jaguars 79-24. Rahem Richardson scored 23 points and Devondrick Richardson added 12 to lead the highly-ranked Jaguars.

Lady Gamecocks fall to Barbour County 87-6

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks made the trip to Clayton Friday night to battle the Barbour County Lady Jaguars and never had a chance in a lopsided 87-6 loss. Queenie Young scored 21 points and Jelissa Whigham added 17 to lead Barbour County.

Brantley Bulldogs edge past Florala 64-61

The Brantley Bulldogs rallied from an early deficit to edge past the Florala Wildcats 64-61, Friday night in Florala. Kevin Pitts scored 19 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jeffery Daniels added 14 and Thad Frazier scored 12.

Lady Bulldogs crush Lady Wildcats 69-34

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs made it look easy Friday night with an unimpressive 69-34 road win over the Florala Lady Wildcats. Jessica Daniels scored 21 points to lead Brantley, while Taronda Randall added 17, Sherry Guley 12 and Elisha Person 11. Liz Freeman led Florala with 17 points.



HERE I COME.... a member of the Elba Gold dribbles upcourt in recent youth basketball action. Youth games are played on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights at the Elba Recreation Center, beginning at 5:30 PM.

(Photo by Mike Capps)

Area teams ranked in weekly high school basketball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its weekly high school basketball poll, and once again a number of area teams are included among the "Top 10" in both the boys and girls standings in the six classifications.

Following are the "Top 10" teams in each classification:

Boys

Class 6A: 1-Elmore, 2-Opekila, 3-Jeff Davis, 4-Tuscaloosa Hillcrest, 5-Gadsden City, 6-Enterprise, 7-Spain Park, 8-Hewitt Trussville, 9-Baldwin County, 10-Buckhorn
Class 5A: 1-Williamson, 2-Wilcox Central, 3-Decatur, 4-Butler, 5-Pleasant Grove, 6-Talladega, 7-Dallas County, 8-St. Pauls, 9-John Carroll Catholic, 10-Muscle Shoals
Class 4A: 1-Southside Selma, 2-Madison County, 3-Douglas, 4-Alexandria, 5-Central Florence, 6-Fairview, 7-Holt, 8-T.R. Miller, 9-Andalusia, 10-Bullock County
Class 3A: 1-Sumter County, 2-Crossville, 3-Lauderdale County, 4-Madison Academy, 5-Montgomery Academy, 6-Clarke County, 7-Abbeville, 8-Calera, 9-Weaver, 10-Good Hope
Class 2A: 1-Lanett, 2-White Plains, 3-R.C. Hatch, 4-Barbour County, 5-Pickens County, 6-Randall, 7-Tanner, 8-Ider, 9-Cold Springs, 10-North Sand Mountain
Class 1A: 1-J.F. Shields, 2-Collinsville, 3-Sulligent, 4-St. Jude, 5-Sunshine, 6-Parish, 7-Brantley, 8-Covenant Christian, 9-Decatur Heritage, 10-Phillips

Girls

Class 6A: 1-Jeff Davis, 2-Bob Jones, 3-Sparkman, 4-Davidson, 5-Tuscaloosa Hillcrest, 6-Hoover, 7-Carver Montgomery, 8-Murphy, 9-Thompson, 10-Minor
Class 5A: 1-Ramsey, 2-Hartselle, 3-Arab, 4-Athens, 5-Jess Lanier, 6-Wenonah, 7-St. Pauls, 8-Eufaula, 9-Wilcox Central, 10-Talladega
Class 4A: 1-Deshler, 2-Midfield, 3-DAR, 4-Ashford, 5-Lawrence County, 6-Escambia County, 7-Opp, 8-Locust Fork, 9-Alabama Christian, 10-East Limestone
Class 3A: 1-Pisgah, 2-Greensboro, 3-Calhoun, 4-Sheffield, 5-Crossville, 6-Lexington, 7-Lauderdale County, 8-Washington County, 9-Clay County, 10-Glencoe
Class 2A: 1-Samson, 2-Geneva County, 3-Section, 4-Shades Mountain Christian, 5-Cold Springs, 6-Sand Rock, 7-Mars Hill, 8-Goshen, 9-Addison, 10-Pyffe
Class 1A: McIntosh, 2-Gaston, 3-Spring Garden, 4-Hazlewood, 5-J.F. Shields, 6-Notasuga, 7-Sulligent, 8-Pleasant Home, 9-Jacksonville Christian, 10-Providence Christian

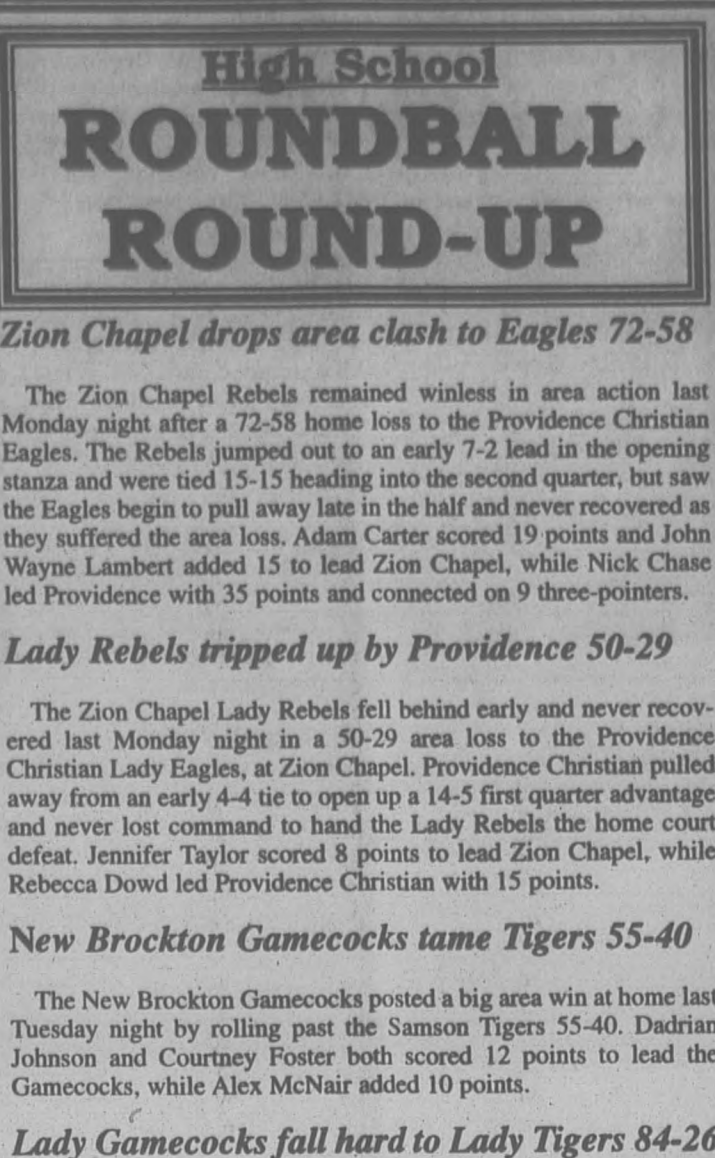
High school softball umpires to meet in Opp on Wednesday nights

The Covington County Softball Umpires Association will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the Opp Chamber of Commerce building. Anyone wishing to become a high school softball umpire should attend the meetings. The association is registered with the Alabama High School Athletic Association and umpires high school softball in Covington, Coffee, Geneva, Crenshaw and Butler County. For more information contact Ricky Mularz at (907) 897-6833 or (nights) 897-0877.

Men's slow-pitch softball toumey set for February at Clayhatchee park

There will be a men's softball tournament on Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Clayhatchee Community Park. The entry fee is \$125 per team, and each team must provide its own regulation softballs. A 5 home-run rule will be used. The deadline to enter is Feb. 15 at 3:00 PM. For more information call Nancy at 334-598-4322.

Follow your favorite team down the "Tournament Trail" right here each week in **The Elba Clipper**



Preston Millay, the seven-year-old son of Meghan and Corey Millay, of Elba, killed his first deer on New Year's Day while hunting with his father.



Cody Daniels caught this large catfish while fishing with his PawPaw Lloyd Daniels. He caught the big cat at a friend's private pond on January 15.

Ninth annual fish art contest is open to state students

The Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and Wildlife Forever announce the Ninth Annual State-Fish Art Contest for Alabama students.

The nationwide contest encourages young artists to draw and learn about their state fish and fish from other states as well, and to compete for art scholarships to attend the contest. Entries must be submitted by March 31, 2007. Winners will be announced on May Day, May 1, 2007.

For contest information or to download a State-Fish Art Lesson Plan and Entry Form, visit the State-Fish Art Web Site at www.statefishart.com, or call toll-free 1-877-FISHART (347-4278). Information about large-mouth bass may be obtained by contacting the Fisheries Section of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at 334-242-3471, or by viewing information at www.outdooralabama.com or <http://www.outdooralabama.com>.

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Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 28th day of December, 2006, by the Hon. William Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed or the same will be barred.

/s/ Mark Vaughan Personal Representative 1-11, 18, 25-pd.

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In the Matter of the Estate of CAROLYN H. KELLEY, Deceased.

Case No. PC-07-003

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

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/s/ Dwight W. Kelley Personal Representative 1-25-21, 8-pd

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR OR EXECUTOR

ESTATE OF CLEO BROWN, DECEASED PROBATE COURT PC-07-001

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned the 16th day of January, 2007, by the Hon. William O. Gammill, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Leo Brown Personal Representative 1-25-21, 8-pd

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Elba Housing Authority will be accepting Sealed Bids for one wood frame house located at 1207 N. Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama. The bid price should include the removal of the house and clearing of the lot where the house is located. All interested parties should submit bids to the Elba Housing Authority by Monday, February 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The Elba Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Farmers' Gasoline tax refund deadline is April 2

April 2 is the deadline for Alabama farmers to file their state gasoline tax refund claims with the Alabama Department of Revenue, according to State Commissioner of Revenue Tom Surtees.

"This year farmers are given a few extra days to

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ceina Spicer speaks during Elba AARP Chapter meeting

Additions to Elba Hospital and an explanation of services offered was the topic of the program presented by Ceina Spicer when members of the Elba AARP Chapter met at the Senior Center on Tuesday, Jan. 16, for their regular monthly dinner meeting.

President Edna Smart presided and after the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation, a buffet meal was served to 35 members and guests. Yearbooks for 2007 were distributed at the meeting. Jean Moore was recognized for planning programs and securing speakers for the past several years.

AARP is open to anyone over 50 years of age. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 6 p.m. Call Edna Smart for more information, 897-2879.



2007 AARP officers include (left to right) Edna Smart, president; Alline Lee, treasurer; and Miriam McKnight, secretary. Not pictured is Martha Guerrero, vice president.

ADEM offers cold weather energy saving tips

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management is encouraging everyone to be more energy efficient as more cold weather approaches. ADEM recommends checking for energy savings in the following areas: sealing and insulating, heating efficiency, changing lights, and powering down home electronics.

"Small actions like weather stripping windows and sealing around doors can keep you warmer and help you save money," said ADEM Director

Trey Glenn. "Taking a few steps to conserve energy in your home can help all Alabamians."

The average household spends \$1,500 per year on energy bills. Close to 50 percent of that energy goes to heating and cooling your home. Lighting, appliances, and home electronic products like computers, televisions, and cell phone chargers take a significant share of home energy costs. However, there are ways to become more energy efficient.

ADEM offers these energy

savings tips:

Heat your home wisely: Your heating system works hard during the winter to keep you warm.

When it is working at top performance and your heating ducts are delivering warm air to your rooms effectively, you will be more comfortable and save money. Replace your furnace air filter before the heating season begins because a dirty filter reduces air flow, which makes your system work harder using more energy.

Seal up your home: One of the most cost effective ways to reduce energy bills is to air-seal holes, cracks and openings in your home and add insulation to stop the flow of heat through the walls and ceiling.

Power down computers and electronics products: Computers and other electronics account for an increasing energy load in most homes, and often use energy even when switched off.

Activate your computer's power management features so it powers down when sitting idle.

A Honor Roll

7th Grade: Huey Green, Cheyenne Nelson and Zackary Ward

8th Grade: Erin Dismukes, Kayla Hurd and Faith Ketchan

9th Grade: Nicole Holloway, Nicole Napper and Landon Peters

10th Grade: Amber Grissett and Kyle Tankersley

11th Grade: Stephanie Collier, Brittany Dismukes, Sheena Hussey, Brittany Layton, Luke Peters, Jonas Simmons, Brooke Stinson and Harry White.

12th Grade: Erica Lewis, Jennifer Taylor, Stacy Williams and Matt Williams

A/B Honor Roll

7th Grade: Patrick J. Benton,

Ethan Carter, Ashton Dean, Ashleigh DeSandro, Logan Elliot, Julia Harrell, Charles Little, Erica Logan, Courtney Napper, Sindi Paul, Sage Peterson, Markel Senn and Faith Yohn

8th Grade: Sarah Allen, Brandon Barnhill, Kelli Behrens, Shelby Boswell, Hillarie Davis, Michelle Downing, Hayden Ellis, Paige Gibson, Blake Hendricks, Camden Kelley, Amelia Pettry and Alexis Senn

9th Grade: Dillon Davis, Aaron Grant, Heather Hines, Rebecca Hodge, Logan Leverett, Nicole Mauldin, Heather McCollough, Joshua Richards, Kirsten Shiver, Brittany Simmons, Garrett Stinson and Kayla Tracy

10th Grade: Carol Ann Banks, Cory Carter, Kirsten Collins, Amanda Geddings, Caitlin Grissett, Drew Little, Trae Long, Cristen Patterson, Steven Pettry, Ashley Quattlebaum and Casey Rushing

11th Grade: Stephanie Berry, Brittany Cardwell, Jessica Carroll, Cassandra Cole, Raigan Elliot, Tori Hodge, John Wayne Lambert, Rod Rider and Caitlin White

12th Grade: Caleb Downing,

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Todd Grant, Kala Killingsworth, Jenna Mobley, Heather Reeves, Kelsey Roberts and Loyd White

Jayn Dyess of Elba celebrated her 52nd birthday Sunday, Jan. 21st. In honor of her special day, Jayn recently was treated by her friends at the Magic Mirror. Being a weekly visitor at the local hair salon, the ladies helped Jayn celebrate her birthday in style by hosting a birthday party. This has become an annual event for all the ladies.

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assured everyone this is something they are going to continue to see from his department.

Commissioners voted Monday to accept the new pay rates for the sheriff's department employees presented by Sheriff Sutton. Commissioner Thompson said it is his understanding the sheriff is trying to get all deputies at the same pay rate with the proposal. Also, Thompson noted the sheriff's rate is set by law.

Only Commissioner Doug Dalrymple voted against the new pay rate schedule indicated he was opposed to changing any rates at this time.

In other business, commissioners:

• Voted to accept a bid from

Gemini Consultants for a Cama Server. The bid was for \$28,000. This was not the low bid, but commissioners said the low bid did not meet specifications. This

passed by a 4-3 vote with commissioners Thompson, Dalrymple, Weeks and Tom Grimsley voting in favor. The opposing votes came from commissioners Stephens, Linda Westbrook and Bernest Brooks.

• Approved a request from county engineer Randy Tindell to send out requests for proposals from timber companies for clear cutting and thinning of land at the landfill.

• Approved a motion made by Commissioner Weeks for a resolution to install community signs in the Victoria community.

• Approved a motion made by Commissioner Westbrook to send out bids for a septic tank at the Zion Chapel Senior Citizens Center.

• Approved a motion made by Commissioner Westbrook for a resolution to authorize a grant application for a generator for the Coffee County Water Authority. Westbrook said the matching funds for this grant if approved will be \$10,525 and officials with the water authority have indicated the authority will pay these funds.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 12, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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